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Applicant : David BAULCOMBE, et al.
Filed : March 22, 2004
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Response to Non-Compliant Amendment

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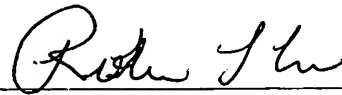
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 15, 2004, submitted herewith are the renumbered claims. Since the remarks have been revised to identify the renumbered claims, the entire Preliminary Amendment is resubmitted. It is respectfully that the Examiner replace the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 13, 2004 with the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the application he or she is requested to contact the undersigned so that prosecution may be expedited.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket #. 101044.53943D2

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8.